

Table 2 Examples of some commonly used standard populations.

Age (years)	World standard ^a	African standard ^a	European standard ^a	New WHO world standard ^b
0–4	12,000	10,000	8,000	8,860
5–9	10,000	10,000	7,000	8,690
10–14	9,000	10,000	7,000	8,600
15–19	9,000	10,000	7,000	8,470
20–24	8,000	10,000	7,000	8,220
25–29	8,000	10,000	7,000	7,930
30–34	6,000	10,000	7,000	7,610
35–39	6,000	10,000	7,000	7,150
40–44	6,000	5,000	7,000	6,590
45–49	6,000	5,000	7,000	6,040
50–54	5,000	3,000	7,000	5,370
55–59	4,000	2,000	6,000	4,550
60–64	4,000	2,000	5,000	3,720
65–69	3,000	1,000	4,000	2,960
70–74	2,000	1,000	3,000	2,210
75–79	1,000	500	2,000	1,520
80–84	500	300	1,000	910
85+	500	200	1,000	635
Total	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000 ^c

^a From Waterhouse *et al.* (1976); ^b From Ahmad *et al.* (2002); ^c The numbers do not sum to exactly 100,000 because of rounding.